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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDUCTING A TRANSACTION  
BETWEEN TRANSACTION PROCESSING SYSTEMS

Enclosed are:

- 37 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed: **Japanese Patent Application JP 2003-092269**
- Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 sheets of formal drawings.
- An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
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- An associate power of attorney.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
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